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SUBJECT: MEXICAN ARMS RESTRAINT INITIATIVE

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1. FOLLOWING POINTS ON MEXICAN CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT INITIATIVE WERE MADE BY AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ GALVEZ DURING CALL BY POL, STARRS, TO PRESENT POL COUNSELOR DESIGNATE PRYCE. (JUNE 27 BUSHNELL TESTIMONY TRANSCRIPT AND TWO STUDIES ON LA ARMS TRANSFERS AND MILITARY EXPENDITURES WERE DELIVERED TO HIM.)

--A. MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR ARMS RESTRAINT CONFERENCE NOW HAS SUPPORT OF SEVEN COUNTRIES (MEXICO, VENEZUELA, ECUADOR, COSTA RICA, JAMAICA, EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS) ALL OF WHOM WILL ACT AS CO-SPONSORS. MEXICO HOPES TO HAVE TWELVE PARTICIPANTS AT LEAST. IF IT APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE TO ORGANIZE CONFERENCE WITHIN FORTY DAY PERIOD MEXICO HAS PROPOSED, FALLBACK POSITION WOULD BE TO HAVE THEIR PROPOSAL DISCUSSED IN GENEVA IN LATE AUGUST. MEXICANS HAVE INVITED CUBA, AND GONZALEZ GALVEZ HOPED VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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MUCH CUBANS WILL ATTEND.

--B. RE QUESTION OF INVITING ARMS SUPPLIERS TO A SECOND CONFERENCE (PARA 5 OF DRAFT MEXICAN PROPOSAL), SOVIETS MIGHT WELL BE AMONG INVITEES.
2. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, GONZALEZ GALVEZ HAS NOT YET SEEN BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO IS ILL. HE FEELS THAT BRAZIL

WILL BE MOST STRENUOUS OPPONENT OF MEXICAN-VENEZUELAN
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